
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that while basic waiting
2 lists of department of Hawaiian home lands applicants are
3 available for download on the department's website, the exact
4 details of each applicant, including information regarding
5 whether the person has applied for multiple leases, been denied
6 a prior lease, or been skipped over, are not readily accessible,
7 even for department staff. Beneficiary records of the
8 department of Hawaiian home lands are spread across multiple
9 locations. If a beneficiary seeks to determine the
10 beneficiary's status, finding and gathering that information can
11 require weeks of work. This lack of organization has led to
12 some lessees' abuse of the program through the sale or transfer
13 of their leases and new applications for subsequent leases.

14 The legislature further finds that the compilation of
15 applicant information into a single interactive database would
16 increase efficiency within the department of Hawaiian home lands
17 and reduce lease award abuse by lessees.



1 The purpose of this Act is to require the department of
2 Hawaiian home lands to create an interactive digital database
3 software program that compiles information from its beneficiary
4 waiting lists and other related data.

5 SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands, with the
6 assistance of the office of enterprise technology services,
7 shall create an interactive digital database software program of
8 its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records. The interactive
9 digital database software program shall contain relevant
10 information on each individual's homestead lease application
11 status, number of applications, address, number of denied
12 leases, designated successors, and history of obtaining leases
13 as an applicant or as a successor as well as other relevant
14 information as determined by the Hawaiian homes commission.

15 The interactive digital database software program required
16 by this Act shall be completed and available for use by the
17 department of Hawaiian home lands no later than July 1, 2023.

18 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for
21 the creation of an interactive digital database software program



1 of the department of Hawaiian home lands' applicant,
2 beneficiary, and lessee records.

3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
4 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2222.



Report Title:

DHHL; Beneficiary List; Database; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the department of Hawaiian home lands to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records by creating an interactive digital database software program to be completed and available for use no later than 7/1/2023. Appropriates moneys. Effective 1/1/2222. (HD1)

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